

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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Messrs. HASTINGS of Florida and CROWLEY changed their vote from "aye" to "no."

So (two-thirds not being in the affirmative) the motion was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I regret missing floor votes on Tuesday, May 31, 2011. Had I registered my vote, I would have voted:

"Yea" on rollcall 377, On motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1484—Veterans Appeals Improvement Act, as amended;

"Yea" on rollcall 378, On motion to suspend the rules and pass S. 1082—Small Business Temporary Extension Act of 2011;

"Nay" on rollcall 379, On motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1954—Debt Limit Extension.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on the motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record vote on the postponed question will be taken later.

RENEWING AUTHORITY FOR STATE CHILD WELFARE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1194) to renew the authority of the Secretary of Health and Human Services to approve demonstration projects designed to test innovative strategies in State child welfare programs.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1194

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. RENEWAL OF AUTHORITY TO APPROVE DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS DESIGNED TO TEST INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES IN STATE CHILD WELFARE PROGRAMS.

Section 1130 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320a-9) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (2), by striking "1998 through 2003" and inserting "2011 through 2016";

(B) in paragraph (3)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting "or kinship guardianship" after "placements";

(ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking "address kinship care" and inserting "provide early intervention and crisis intervention

services that safely reduce out-of-home placements and improve child outcomes"; and

(iii) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as subparagraph (D) and inserting after subparagraph (B) the following:

"(C) If an appropriate application therefor is submitted, the Secretary shall consider authorizing a demonstration project which is designed to identify and address domestic violence that endangers children and results in the placement of children in foster care.";

(C) in paragraph (4), by inserting "or kinship guardianship" after "assistance"; and

(D) in paragraph (5), by inserting "and the ability of the State to implement a corrective action approved under section 1123A" before the period;

(2) in subsection (e)—

(A) by striking "and" at the end of paragraph (6);

(B) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (7) and inserting "and"; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

"(8) an accounting of any additional Federal, State, local, and private investments (other than those with respect to which matching funds were provided under part B or E of title IV) made, during the 2 fiscal years preceding the application to provide the services described in paragraph (1), and an assurance that the State will provide an accounting of that same spending for each year of an approved demonstration project.";

(3) in subsection (f)(1)—

(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking "and" and inserting "including all children and families under the project who come to the attention of the State's child welfare program, either through a report of abuse or neglect or through the provision of services described in subsection (e)(1) to the child or family"; and

(B) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as subparagraph (D) and inserting after subparagraph (B) the following:

"(C) a comparison of the amounts of Federal, State, local and private investments in the services described in subsection (e)(1), by service type, with the amount of the investments during the period of the demonstration project; and"; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

"(h) INDIAN TRIBES CONSIDERED STATES.—An Indian tribe (as defined in section 479B(a)) shall be considered a State for purposes of this section."

SEC. 2. BUDGETARY EFFECTS.

The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, shall be determined by reference to the latest statement titled "Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation" for this Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, provided that such statement has been submitted prior to the vote on passage.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. DAVIS) and the gentleman from Washington (Mr. McDERMOTT) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on the subject of the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Kentucky?

There was no objection.

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise tonight in support of H.R. 1194, a bill to extend the child welfare waiver authority for States.

This bill will allow States to test innovative approaches to improve the way we protect children from abuse and neglect. In doing so, it extends authority that was in place between 1994 and 2006 but has since lapsed.

Since 2006, the Department of Health and Human Services has not had the authority to approve new efforts by States to test better ways of helping children at risk of abuse or neglect. The bill before us today would simply allow HHS to approve new waivers once again so States can test new ways of better serving children and families.

As the current chairman of the Ways and Means Human Resources Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over child welfare programs, I'm pleased to cosponsor this legislation with my friend, Mr. McDERMOTT, a current member of the subcommittee, as well as its prior chairman.

The Human Resources Subcommittee held a hearing on child welfare waivers last year, which showed the value of State flexibility in this area. Since 1994, 23 States have run waiver programs that helped inform the child welfare policy debate and, more importantly, improve the lives of children and families. Seven States have been granted extensions and have continued their waiver programs approved before 2006. This bipartisan bill before us today will allow such current waiver programs to continue, while importantly providing the Secretary of HHS with authority to approve up to 10 new waivers a year.

The bill before us is identical to legislation the House approved unanimously on September 23, 2010. However, the Senate did not act on that legislation before conclusion of the last Congress.

This bill is supported by the National Conference of State Legislatures, as well as groups active in promoting effective child welfare programs.

I would like to insert in the RECORD following my remarks copies of their letters in support of H.R. 1194.

Especially in challenging financial times, we must be sure that taxpayer dollars are well spent. The original 1994 law required rigorous evaluations of each waiver program, and this bill continues that requirement. This means States will have the flexibility to test new ideas, but the American people and the Congress will know if these ideas have made a difference. And because these waiver programs must be cost neutral to be approved in the first place, the Congressional Budget Office has assured us that this legislation as a whole is cost neutral.

I would like to include the CBO analysis to that effect in the RECORD as well.